SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 526 By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to recognize Larry Gossett on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Larry Gossett is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than 36 years with State Farm Insurance; and

WHEREAS, initially a Claim Representative with State Farm, Mr. Gossett's career in insurance culminated in a position as Team Manager in the Memphis Lakecrest office; and

WHEREAS, during his 36 illustrious years in the insurance industry, Larry Gossett opened two State Farm offices, the Urban Marketing Office and an Estimating Office in downtown Memphis; he has diligently worked in ten different offices, as well as the Murfreesboro Regional Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gossett is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Larry

Gossett has honorably served as the church's Chapter Warden and unofficial photographer; in addition, he was commissioned as a Lector and Chalice Bearer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gossett exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Larry Gossett is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Martha Ann, his sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Lauren Gossett and Jason and Mandy Gossett, and his grandchildren, Grace Gossett and Hunter Gossett; and

WHEREAS, when he is not playing tennis, honing his photography skills, woodworking, and traveling abroad, Mr. Gossett plans to spend his well-deserved retirement helping his son renovate his new home and carpooling his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Larry Gossett has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Larry Gossett our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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